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Grande Traversata delle Langhe in mountain bike - Leg 12: Benevello - Pavaglione
Utilization
Cycle touring
Official itinerary
No

Lenght
4.70 km

Tempo
23 minutes

Stage
12

Ascent elevation gain
172 m

Descent elevation loss
167 m

Difficulty
Challenging

Informazioni

Region
Piemonte

Country
Italy

Address

Benevello
Viale Langhe
12050 Benevello CN
Italy

Coordinates

POINT (8.103139 44.630994)
Altitude
640 m
Arrival address

Pavaglione
Località San Bovo
12050 Castino CN

Italy

Arrival coordinates
POINT (8.13812 44.64418)
Arrival altitude
645 m
Access

By car, motorways:
A6 – Torino Savona, Marene or Carmagnola exit
A21 – Torino Piacenza, Asti Est exit
A33 – Asti Cuneo, Alba exit

By plane:
Milano Malpensa and Linate – www.sea-aeroportimilano.it
Torino Caselle – www.aeroportoditorino.it
Cuneo Levaldigi – www.aeroporto.cuneo.it

By train:
Ferrovie dello Stato: www.trenitalia.com

Descrizione

Through the heart of the Langhe of Beppe Fenoglio to Pavaglione, the setting of one of the Italian author's best known novels, in a union of nature and literature.

The location of **Benevello** was of strategic importance historically, in its protected position overlooking the pass between the Belbo and Tanaro Valleys in the direction of Alba, as well as being favorably positioned geographically speaking. At an altitude of 670 metres (2,198 ft) and enjoying an interplay of winds from the Belbo Valley and the Berria river, it is undoubtedly one of the coolest spots anywhere in the Langhe region. And while wind is one of the most recurring themes in the works of Beppe Fenoglio, it is here in this particularly complex corner of the region, enclosed within the territories of Trezzo, Castino and Borgomale (although from quite a distance, with Castino being as far away as the opposite hill), that much of the literature of that great author from Alba takes place.

But the most romantic spot is atop a knoll outside the village in the direction of Bossolasco. The Church of Madonna di Langa is a popular venue preferred by locals for a quaint, rural wedding. Legend has it that St. Francis of Assisi once stopped here to pray on one of his trips through the Langhe region on his way from Liguria to France in the 13th century. Indeed, there are many signs of his journey in these hills, such as the Cortemilia Convent or the Saliceto Oratory, spread out from Alba to Benevello.

From Benevello, follow highway SP230 in the direction of Montemarino. Past Montemarino, take a narrow road to the right in the direction of San Bovo. Continue along the crest through the woods towards Boscasso and **Pavaglione**. At the next fork in the road, both of the trails lead to the hamlet of Pavaglione, but you will want to keep to the right to head down to the village through farmlands full of donkeys and goats.

Pavaglione is the symbol of Fenoglio's "Ruin", of the hunger and disgrace of the sharecroppers of the Langhe region until the post-war era. Agostino, the protagonist of "Ruin", sacrificed for them all, bearing the cross for all those sold into hard labor, condemned to a life of hardship without any reasonable hope for a

better future.

From here, you can also head to the Langhe wine region and the Bar to Bar itinerary.

Public transport access
Yes

Http://Www.grandabus.it/

Recommended period

Spring
Summer
Fall
March - November

Accessible to people with disabilities

No

Interest points

Itineraries inspired by Fenoglio's works.
Benevello : Parrish Church of San Pietro in Vincoli, Church of Madonna di Langa .

Devotional relevance
Sì

Historical relevance
Yes

Dettagli

Local Tourist Agency (LTA) reference
ATL Langhe Monferrato Roero

Code
GTN

Classification
Provincial

Province
Cuneo

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Ultima data di aggiornamento
15/12/2023

Altre info
Accommodation facilities
Le vigne
Relais villa d'amelia
Casa branzele
Cascina bricchetto
Cascina LANGA
Cascina roreto
Finestre di LANGA
Tenuta barone

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No

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Cuneo